


CATERHAM VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACES

<p>Name: Stafford Road Recreation and Playground</p>	<p>Location:</p>	<p>Site is bounded Railway and Stafford Road</p>
<p>No.36</p>	<p>Coloured Red on plan.</p>	 <p>The map shows an aerial view of a residential area in Caterham Valley. A large green space, labeled 'Pleasant Ground', is outlined in red. This green space is bounded by Stafford Road to the north and east, and a railway line to the south. The surrounding area contains numerous houses and streets. A 'Playground' is also marked near the bottom left of the red boundary. A yellow label 'FP 60' is visible on the map.</p>

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Description	
	<p>The site consists of open recreation ground with a playground at the southern end and a set of goal posts for football on southern half. The site is located at the bottom of the Valley.</p> <p>It is largely level but access from Stafford Road is steep and both residential and Stafford Road further up on the Valley Sides, are higher than the site.</p> <p>The railway forms the long SE boundary is fenced and trees line this boundary. On the long SW boundary back gardens from the residential above form the boundary with a mixture of fencing.</p> <p>The site has three access points, one from a narrow steep stepped footpath adjacent to Stafford Rise another from a larger entrance with a steep sloping drive access off Stafford Road used by Park vehicles located roughly central to the site and a third from footpath FP60 leading from a footbridge over the railway line from Croydon Road.</p>
Biodiversity-	
	<p>The site forms a green space in a predominantly residential area with the natural biodiversity this attracts. Site is unlikely to be the home of protected species.</p>
Planning Permission?	<p>No Planning Permissions or TPOs shown on the Site</p>
Can all community benefit from LGS	

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	The site's current use is as public open space and childrens' playground and is fully open to the public. The site is especially important to local residents as open space within a high density residential area.
Does the land already benefit from protection?	<p>Only as Public Open Space and Community Facilities under CSP13 and DP18</p> <p>On the 15/9/2011, Tandridge District Council's Community Services Committee nominated this site for inclusion in the Fields in Trust QEII Playing Fields Challenge. This initiative marked Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. TDC, working with Fields in Trust, completed steps resulting in this site becoming a play area in perpetuity and additional future funding opportunities to enhance the site.</p>
Is the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves?	Yes . The site can be accessed from both Stafford Road and Croydon Road.
Is the green space local in character and is not an extensive tract of land?	The site area is 0.1.8 hectares approximately and defined by its own boundaries.
Is it demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance because of:	
Beauty	The open character of the park and its trees plays an important part in the setting and ambience of the surrounding residences.
Historic	Site dedicated to Queen Elizabeth Trust to mark Diamond Jubilee and 2012 Olympic Games.
Recreational Value	Development of the site would mean the loss of a valuable playground and open green space.

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	There is no doubt that the loss of this open space would significantly change the character of this local area.
Tranquillity	Relatively quiet location away from main highways.
Richness of Wildlife	. The site forms a green space in a predominantly residential area with the natural biodiversity this attracts
Does it have public access?	Yes. Public Footpath 60 runs through southern end of grounds from Stafford Road via footbridge over railway to Croydon Road
Does it have a public right of way?	Yes FP60 runs through the southern end and site has direct access from Stafford Way
Is it located in a new development?	No
Is it in public ownership?	Yes the site is owned by TDC.
How will LGS be managed?	The management will remain the responsibility of the current owners. However, it there is a case for listing it on the register of assets of value to the community (see below).
Should it be registered as an Asset of Community Value?	.Should development be proposed there would be a case for it being registered as an asset of community value

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